

Rochester Section Award Nominations:

Rochester Section Entrepreneurial Success (New Award for 2013):

This award recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who have created a commercially viable business within the chemical enterprise. Starting with a good idea, sustained by passion, fueled by persistence and hard work, the award recipient created something where nothing existed before or improved on an existing product/idea. The awardee is recognized for creating a new product, service, company or industry based on the transforming power of chemistry to improve people's lives. The hallmark of this contribution is impact: positive impact on people's lives and positive impact on the economy by creating chemistry jobs that produce a significant impact on the local economy (within the 6-county jurisdiction of the Rochester Local Section). Both ACS members and non-ACS members are eligible for this award.

Rochester Section Volunteer Service:

This award recognizes significant volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the Rochester Local Section of the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their Local Activities.

The deadline for submitting candidates for this year's awards is September 1, 2013

More information and nomination forms can be found at the Section's Website (www.RochesterACS.org). Look at the Left tabs under Nomination, Awards & Elections.

NOTE: The web browser Mozilla Firefox is faster than Internet Explorer when downloading forms and information from ACS websites. (IE is so slow it seems like it isn't working.)

High School Student Awards:

The Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) holds two annual academic award ceremonies for area high schools at Nazareth College. Each year, the Rochester Section recognizes the academic achievement of high school students by awarding certificates to the top 10% of students in all chemistry classes. For Advanced Placement Chemistry, the top 20% of students are recognized.

Dates for 2013 are May 28 and May 29

Northeast Region of the American Chemical Society, Inc.
Call for Nominations

FOR THE 2013 NORTHEAST REGION, ACS AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the following awards being presented by the Northeast Region, ACS in 2013

- **THE ACS DIVISION OF CHEMICAL EDUCATION NORTHEAST REGION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING**

To recognize, encourage, and stimulate outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Northeast Region of the American Chemical Society.

- **THE E. ANN NALLEY REGIONAL AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

To recognize the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their Regional Activities.

- **THE NORTHEAST REGION, ACS AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE CHEMICAL SCIENCES**

To recognize notably outstanding achievements by a chemist in the Northeast Region of the American Chemical Society. The award is conferred on a scientist who has made meritorious research contributions leading to the advancement of pure or applied chemistry.

- **THE ACS REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION AWARDS**

To celebrate the successful innovations of industrial chemists and chemical engineers who contribute to the health of their local and regional economy and the corporate leadership for its advancement of a healthy economy. These awards are given to individuals or individual teams whose creative innovations have contributed to the commercial success of their company and, consequently, to the good of the community and society.

The nominations deadline for these awards is July 1, 2013

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The Rochester Section has developed five Initiatives to improve and promote its various activities. The Initiatives, Brief Descriptions, and Volunteer Opportunities are listed below. **Remember, this organization and its activities depend upon volunteers.**

INITIATIVE:	Brief Description & Volunteer Opportunity:
<p>1. Improve and expand the impact of the Section's website. (Maryann Mendel/Glen Labenski)</p>	<p>This committee is taking on the task of improving the impact of the Local Section website. Absolutely no experience with HTML coding is required to contribute. Contact Maryann Mendel (MMENDEL70@aol.com) or Glen Labenski (glabens0@gmail.com) to get involved.</p>
<p>2. Improve communications with the public. (G. Labenski)</p>	<p>This team is charged with improving communications via our website and at all events. The intent is to improve/ standardize public relations and provide opportunities for Section members to have input. Contact Glen Labenski (glabens0@gmail.com) to get involved.</p>
<p>3. Improve current and new collaborations and partnerships. (Amy Irwin)</p>	<p>This initiative has the goal of expanding and identifying new collaborations with other organizations for our mutual benefit. Seeking Volunteers to serve on an oversight committee to manage those programs. If you have interest please contact Amy Irwin (airwin1@monroecc.edu).</p>
<p>4. Promote interest in science through collaborative programs with academic institutions, museums and hi-tech companies. (Deb Janes)</p>	<p>This Committee is dedicated to promoting interest in science in the community. Some of the programs it coordinates are Nat'l Chemistry Week (with RMSC), Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, Chemistry and Arts Lecture Series and others. Contact Deb Janes (deborah.janes@kodak.com) if you have interest in this wide ranging team.</p>
<p>5. Facilitate connections between job seekers and employers. (Jim Reynolds)</p>	<p>This team's first focus will be to build a Mentoring Network. There is a need for experienced chemists or educators willing to act as mentors for younger chemists who are just starting their careers. The only requirement is a desire to share your thoughts and insights with young scientists either 1-on-1 or in a group setting. For further information please contact Jim Reynolds (jhr3@yahoo.com).</p>



THE ROCHESTER SECTION *of the*
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



57th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

**Saturday, April 27th, 2013
The College at Brockport, SUNY
Edwards Hall**

7:45 – 8:30 am	Registration and Poster Setup
8:30 – 9:30 am	Student Poster Presentations; Continental Breakfast
9:40 – 10:40 am	Keynote Address: Dr. Mridula Nair, Eastman Kodak Co., "Engineering Uniform Polymeric Microparticles containing Discrete Compartments"
10:40 – 11:00 am	Undergraduate Achievement Awards
11:10 am – 12:50 pm	Student Oral Presentations
1:00 pm	Lunch (<i>reservations required</i>)



Symposium Coordinators	
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COUNCILOR REPORT

245th ACS NATIONAL MEETING
NEW ORLEANS, LA APRIL 7-11, 2013



The following is a summary from the 2013 spring ACS National Meeting. As your Councilor, I always want to make sure that you are aware of the business that is being transacted at the national level.

For your information, your Rochester Councilors serve on the following National ACS Committees:

- D. Richard Cobb – Nominations and Elections (**N&E**)
- Rich Hartmann – International Activities Committee (IAC)

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results:

- The Committee on N & E presented the following nominees to the Council for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2014: G. Bryan Balazs, Charles E. Kolb, Jr., Carolyn Ribes, and Diane Grob Schmidt. The Council selected **G. Bryan Balazs** and **Charles E. Kolb, Jr.** as candidates for 2014 President-Elect. These 2 candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election. These candidates represent the industrial segment of the Society. As a member of N&E, I am honored to be Chair of the N&E Subcommittee that will select the four nominees for President-Elect 2015 which will come from the academic segment of the Society.
- The Committee on N & E announced the results of the election to select *candidates* from the list of *nominees* to serve as Directors from District II and District IV on the Board of Directors for the term 2014-2016. Nominees for District II included **George M. Bodner**, Jed F. Fisher, **Alan A. Hazari**, and Robert A. Pribush. Nominees for District IV included John P. Fackler, Jr., **Rigoberto Hernandez**, **Larry K. Krannich**, and John A. Whittle. By mail ballot, the Councilors selected the boldfaced nominees; ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all ACS members in the respective Districts.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large:

- The Committee on N & E announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2014-2016 term: Susan B. Butts, Thom H. Dunning, Jr., Dorothy J. Phillips, and Kathleen M. Schulz. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Committee Election:

- Two vacancies on the Committee on Committees were created by the election of Ingrid Montes to the Board of Directors and the appointment of H.N. Cheng as chair of the Committee on International Activities. The Committee on N & E presented the following slate of candidates for membership on the Committee on Committees beginning 2013: Christopher J. Bannochie, Arindam Bose, David Lohse and Jason Ritchie. Christopher J. Bannochie and Jason Ritchie were selected to fill 3-year and 1-year terms, respectively.

Committee Review:

- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED unanimously to continue the Committees on Chemical Abstracts Service, Environmental Improvement, and Younger Chemists. Continuation of these 3 committees requires Board concurrence.

Re-alignment of Electoral Districts:

- At the 2012 fall meeting, Councilors called for a broader and long-lasting solution to requirements that Board electoral districts have parity in member populations. At this meeting, the Committee on N & E reported on their discussions of a revised redistricting proposal, which brings all 6 election districts within 400-1,000 members of the mid-point of the permissible range. This proposed action is designed to eliminate the need for frequent small changes for some time to come. The proposal will be up for vote at the fall Council meeting in Indianapolis. I am proud to have Chair-ed the Taskforce that proposed this new plan.

Society Finances:

- Despite the sluggish economy, ACS generated favorable operating results in 2012. Total revenue was \$490.7 million, which was \$6.1 million or 1.3% greater than the approved budget, and 3.9% higher than 2011. The Net from Operations was \$20.2 million, or \$4.3 million favorable to budget. This was largely attributable to better-than-expected performance by ACS Publications and CAS, and represents the Society's 9th consecutive year of positive operating results. While operating performance was favorable, Unrestricted Net Assets declined \$1.4 million to \$100.6 million. Finally, ACS ended the year in compliance with four of the five Board-established financial guidelines.

2014 Member Dues:

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2014 at the fully escalated rate of \$154. This rate is consistent with the inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution & Bylaws.

Petition to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws (For Action):

- After discussion, a vote to approve the Petition to Amend National Election Procedures **FAILED** (85% against, 15% in favor). The petition sought to shorten the campaign period for candidates for President-Elect and to charge the Committee on N & E with proposing two candidates for President-Elect. Currently, N&E proposes four *nominees* from which Council selects two *candidates*. Under the petition, Council would no longer vote on a list of nominees. In collaboration with the Committee on N & E, the Council Policy Committee authorized a joint task force on election timelines and procedures. This task force will examine the entire election system.

Member Statistics:

- Society membership at the end of 2012 was 163,322 - 893 lower than the total for year-end 2011 despite recruiting 24,943 new members. The net loss occurred primarily in the Regular, full member category. There was continued growth in both the Student Member undergraduate and international categories, which helped mitigate the overall decline in membership. The Membership Affairs Committee approved five pilot market data tests to increase membership.

Attendance Report & Stats:

- As of April 11, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 15,596 registrants, including 8,105 regular attendees and 5,793 students. The meeting had 11,232 papers presented. This is down from spring 2012.

Academic Professional Guidelines:

- The Council VOTED to approve the Academic Professional Guidelines as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. These guidelines apply to those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry.

Local Section Allotment Formula:

- The Council VOTED to approve a new formula for the distribution of allocations to individual Local Sections beginning in 2014. The new allocation will be divided as follows: base allotment (49%); per member allotment (43%), and LSAC program funds (8%).

Divisional Activities Name Change Request

- The Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) received a request from the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry to change its name to the Division of Colloids, Surfaces and Nanomaterials. Six divisions have registered opposition to the proposed name, largely due to the use of the term 'nanomaterials'. DAC will ask Council to vote on the new name in Indianapolis, with a recommendation to approve.

Revision to Charter Bylaws for the International Chemical Sciences Chapters

- The Council VOTED to approve changes to the Charter Bylaws for New International Chemical Sciences Chapters. These changes will guide the Committee on Constitution & Bylaws in reviewing bylaw changes before proposed changes are approved by the membership of the new chapter.

New International Chemical Sciences Chapter

- The Council VOTED, in concurrence with the Board of Directors, to approve the petition to charter the Romanian International Chemical Sciences Chapter, consisting of the Territory of Romania.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Marinda Li Wu presented and moderated a discussion on "What else should ACS do to help members thrive in the global chemistry enterprise?" ACS has established a strategic goal to "Empower an inclusive community of members with networks, opportunities, resources, and skills to thrive in the global economy." In support of this goal, President Wu commissioned a task force entitled, "Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise," to identify globalization opportunities and engage members in advocacy for improving the business and job climate. Following the presentation, 29 Councilors engaged in a robust discussion on what the Society currently offers or could offer to help members thrive in the global chemistry community.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board's Committees and Working Groups

- The Board of Directors received reports from its committees on Grants and Awards (G&A), Executive Compensation, Professional & Member Relations (PM&R), Planning, and the oversight group on Society Program Portfolio Management.

- The Committee on Grants and Awards presented the Board with screened lists of nominees for the 2014 Priestley Medal and the Award for Volunteer Service to the ACS. The Board VOTED to approve the screened lists, and will now vote on, and announce, the winners of these two awards at its June meeting. The Board also VOTED to approve a Society nominee for the National Medal of Science.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Executive Compensation, the Board VOTED to approve several actions relative to compensation for the Society's executive staff. This compensation receives regular review from the Board of Directors.
- On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional & Member Relations, the Board VOTED to approve an alliance with the Latin American Federation of Chemical Associations (FLAQ) and to renew an alliance with the Chinese Chemical Society. The signing ceremony for alliances with the Chinese Chemical Society and the South African Chemical Institute (which was previously approved) took place prior to the open meeting of the Board of Directors. The signing ceremony for FLAQ will take place at the fall national meeting.
- The Committee on Planning led a discussion based on its initial findings from the ACS Environmental Scan/Strategic Context Research; and the oversight group on Society Program Portfolio Management briefed the Board on its current activities, including plans for the remainder of 2013. In 2012, the oversight group outlined a process to effectively and efficiently enable the Society to routinely manage, prioritize and rebalance its portfolio of diverse Society programs. Currently, the oversight group is developing the necessary processes, tools, and documentation related to the initiative to put a process in place for 2014.

The Executive Director/CEO Report

- The Executive Director/CEO and her direct reports updated the Board on the following: highlights of accomplishments from 2012; the major challenges and projects facing the Society in 2013; and the activities of CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's General Counsel. As part of the Publications report, the Board VOTED to approve journal editor re-appointments and an appointment to the ACS Governing Board for Publishing.

Other Society Business

- The Board ratified several of its interim actions, including an appointment to the Committee on Executive Compensation.
- The Board also received reports from the Presidential Succession on their current activities and plans for the remainder of 2013 and the beginning of 2014; a briefing from the new director of the ACS Green Chemistry Institute[®]; and a report on the newly instituted ACS Career Pathways[™] Workshops.

The Board's Open Session

- The Board held a lively, well-attended open session which featured a special forum focused on two questions: 1) "What one thing would you like from ACS that you don't get now?" 2) "What one thing do you get from another organization that you wish you got from ACS?" Members attending this standing-room only session received a brief overview of current Society offerings followed by an exchange of several ideas on future services and products.

As always, I am honored to serve the Rochester Membership as your Councilor. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, ideas, etc.. I can be reached at:

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Networking Mixer Tuesday May 7, 2013 (First Tuesdays of the Month)

Join us at MacGregors, 300 Jefferson Road, Henrietta from 5-8 PM.

Meet old friends, make new professional contacts from area companies and universities, line up a future job - join members of the Rochester chemical/ biochemical/ materials technical communities for this informal networking event. Learn about the exciting new technologies being developed at area start-up

No registration or charge - cash bar - students, technical professionals, managers and non-ACS members – all welcome.

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The Executive Committee meets on the Third Tuesdays of the Month.